Reply of Government.—This is a matter for consideration at the time of the revision settlement, and if such cases are brought to the notice of the Survey authorities, they will take these circumstances into consideration and fix the proper assessment. Special facilities are provided in Appendix I to the Land Revenue Rules of 1890 by way of granting concessions to those who take up such lands.

SUBJECT No. 85.

Remission of half the assessment on garden lands and lands with sugar-cane crops for 1905-06 owing to failure of water-supply.

Mr. Krishnachar, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Government have been pleased to sanction remission of half the assessment for 1905-06, in the case of rice lands under tanks, but not to garden lands irrigated from wells and to lands cultivated with sugar-cane. This is a hardship to the raiyats. It is therefore suggested that remission may be granted in the case of garden lands, which owing to the absence or failure of water-supply in the wells lay waste and also to lands in which sugar-cane crop was a failure owing to the want of water-supply.

Reply of Government.—The rules do not permit of the grant of remission in such cases.

SUBJECT No. 86.

Alteration of rules governing remission.

Messrs. Agale Venkataramaniya Bade, Sab, V. Narnappa, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; Ramanna, Mysore District Board and Raghavachar, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) During the time of Dewan Mr. Rangacharlu orders were in force to grant remissions on lands below tanks for those years in which they did not fill and these have since been cancelled. According to the present system raiyats relinquish lands in those years in which the tank is empty and take them up when it receives full supply. This causes loss both to the raiyat and the Government. The old rules may therefore be revived. Owing to repeated unfavorable seasons the number of tanks that do not fill regularly are on the increase and every year a large number of lands remain uncultivated owing to insufficient supply of water.

Introduction of the rules prevailing in His Majesty's territories regarding the grant of remissions.

Messrs. Venkatasami Reddi and Venkataramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk; Rama Rao, Malur Taluk; and Jevalappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

(*b*) According to the existing rules, assessment on wet lands under tanks is being recovered whether the tanks receive supply of water or not. These are hard rules which have reduced the resources of many a raiyat. Even at the time of the Survey Settlement no concession seems to have been shown in this respect. It will be conferring a great boon on the raiyats, if the system of remission prevailing in His Majesty's territory is introduced into this State. Representations have been made on this subject for several years past in vain. It is requested that the question of granting "tari banjar" remission may be kindly considered and decided on the lines of the rules prevailing in the Madras Presidency.

(*c*) Pray for remission of half assessment on waste lands from this year.